25th Sunday after Pentecost

November 15, 2026

8:30, 11:00 a.m. & Livestream



FAITH . DISCIPLESHIP . COMMUNITY

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

The Rev. Drew McCaffery, Pastor

At The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, we embrace the uniqueness of every individual and respect their dignity and worth, for all are created in the image of God. We strive to welcome everyone in the fullness of who they are.

Let us call together for reconciliation, and live out God's vision of love for people of every sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, socio-economic status, age, physical or mental ability, political persuasion, race, ethnicity, and personal history. Let us walk together to strive for racial equity, as Jesus calls us to do.

All people are welcome here to worship, build community, and grow together as Jesus' disciples at this place.

✦ GATHERING ✦

Prelude *Jesus, I Adore You* Arr. Tyleen Stults
Handbell Choir

Confession and Forgiveness

P *Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our dwelling place for all generations, whose compassion never slumbers.*
C **Amen.**

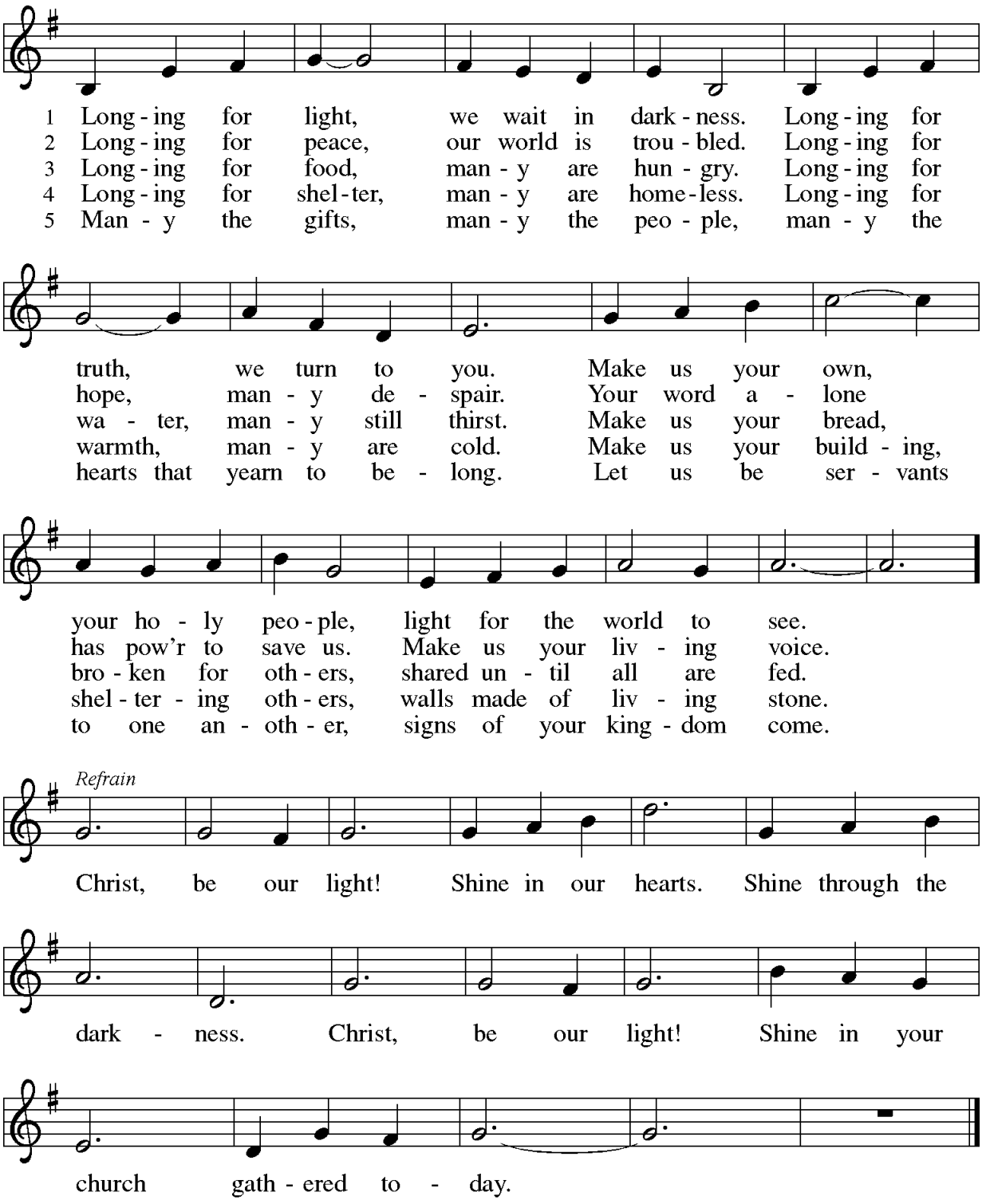
P *Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.*

Silence is kept for reflection.

P *Holy God,*
C **we confess that we have trusted in our preparation instead of your invitation. We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved. We trust the voice of our shame and fear, which keeps us from entering fully into relationship with you and others. We are not awake to the coming of your reign. Rouse us and rescue us, that we may enter into your joy. Amen.**

P *Inherit the riches of God's grace. ☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy. You are forgiven. Blessed are you.*
C **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn *Christ Be Our Light* No. 715



P *The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

C **And also with you.**

Hymn of Praise *Bless the Lord* Tore W. Aas

Bless the Lord, O my soul
Bless the Lord, O my soul
Bless the Lord, O my soul
Praise His holy name.
Repeat 2 more times

Pulpit side sings each line and font side repeats
The Lord is good
He reigns forever
He's merciful
Bless His holy name
Repeat first part 3x

P *The Lord be with you.*
C **And also with you.**

A *Let us pray. Righteous God, our merciful master,*
C **you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Please be seated.

✦ THE WORD ✦

First Reading Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

A *A reading from Zephaniah.*
7 Be silent before the Lord God,
for the day of the Lord is at hand!
The Lord has prepared a sacrifice;
he has consecrated his guests.

12 At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the people
who settle like dregs in wine,
those who say in their hearts,
"The Lord will not do good,
nor will he do harm."
13 Their wealth shall be plundered

and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them.

14 The great day of the Lord is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter;
the warrior cries aloud there.
15 That day will be a day of wrath,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,
16 a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.

17 I will bring such distress upon people
that they shall walk like the blind;
because they have sinned against the Lord,
their blood shall be poured out like dust
and their flesh like dung.
18 Neither their silver nor their gold
will be able to save them
on the day of the Lord's wrath;
in the fire of his passion
the whole earth shall be consumed,
for a full, a terrible end
he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

A *The word of the Lord.*
C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm Psalm 90:1-8,12

Read Responsively

A *[1] Lord, you have been our refuge*
from one generation to another.

C **[2] Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born,**
from age to age you are God.

A *[3] You turn us back to the dust and say,*
"Turn back, O children of earth."

C **[4] For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past**
and like a watch in the night;

A *[5] you sweep them away like a dream,*
they fade away suddenly like the grass:

C **[6] in the morning it is green and flourishes;**
in the evening it is dried up and withered.

A *[7] For we are consumed by your anger;*
we are afraid because of your wrath.

C **[8] Our iniquities you have set before you,**
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

A [12] **So teach us to number our days**
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

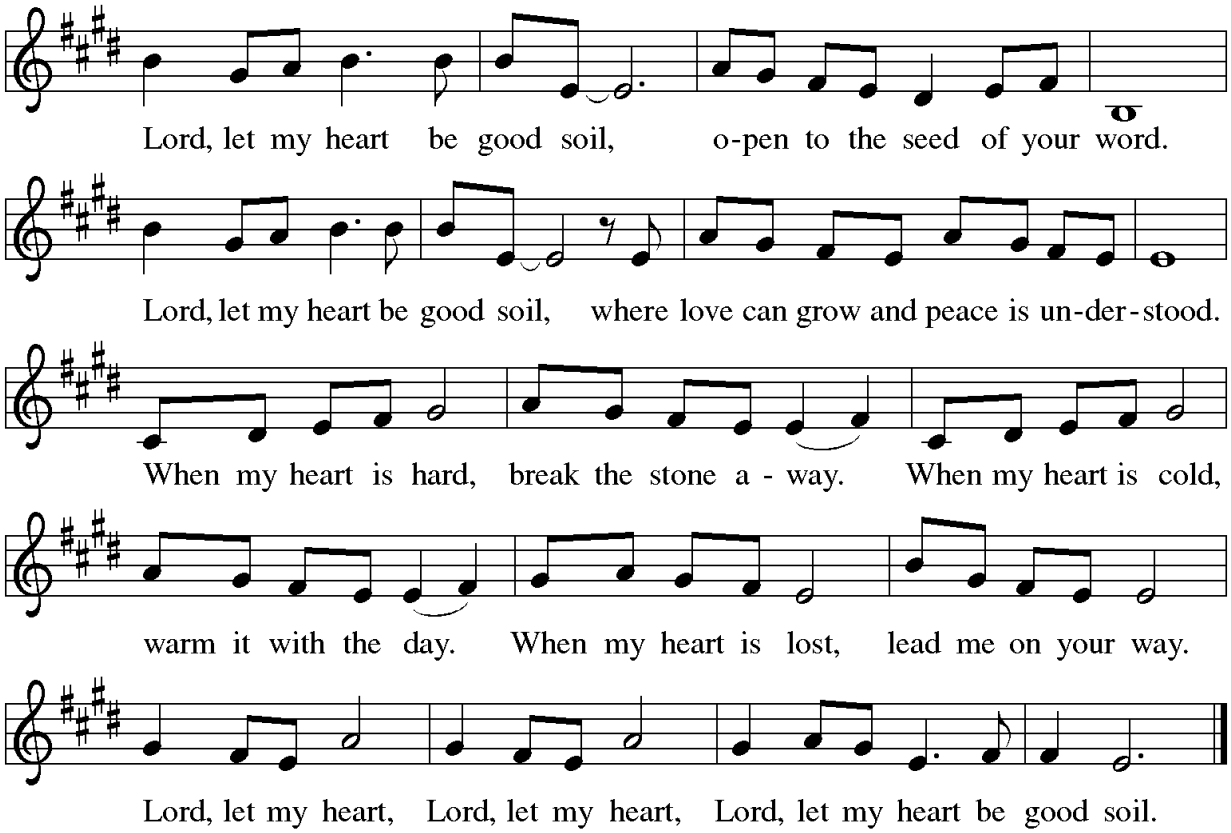
A *A reading from First Thessalonians. [1] Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. [2] For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. [3] When they say, "There is*

peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! [4] *But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief;* [5] *for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness.* [6] *So, then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober,* [7] *for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night.* [8] *But since we belong to the day, let us be sober and put on the breastplate of faith and love and for a helmet the hope of salvation.* [9] *For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,* [10] *who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him.* [11] *Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.*

A *The word of the Lord.*

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.



Holy Gospel Matthew 25:14-30

P *The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the Twenty-fifth chapter.*
C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

P *[Jesus said to the disciples:] 14 "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; 15 to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. At once 16 the one who had received the five talents went off and traded with them and made five more talents. 17 In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. 18 But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. 19 After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. 20 Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' 21 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' 22 And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' 23 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' 24 Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you did not scatter, 25 so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' 26 But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I did not scatter? 27 Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. 28 So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. 29 For to*

all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance, but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. [30] *As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' "*

P *The Gospel of the Lord.*
C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon The Rev. Drew McCaffery

Please stand as you are able.

Hymn of the Day

Lord of Light

No. 688



A *Let us confess our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed.*

C **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

A *United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.*

A brief silence.

After each portion of the prayers:

A *God, in your mercy,*

C **hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

P *Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.*

C **Amen.**

P *The peace of the Lord be with you always.*

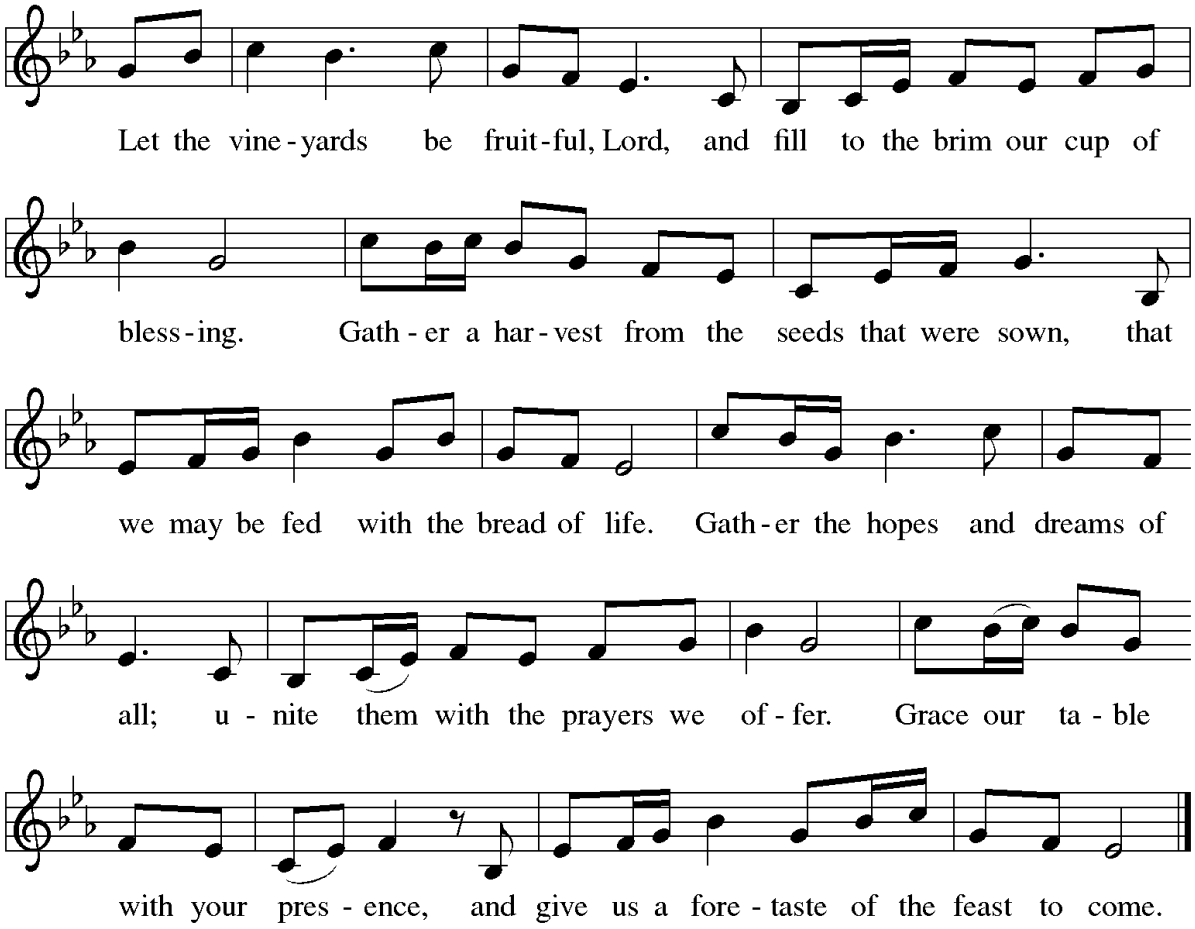
C **And also with you.**

After sharing the peace, please be seated.

Offering

Choir Anthem *Make My Life a Song* M. Rarden & M. Burrows

As the gifts are presented, please stand, as you are able.



A *Let us pray. Eternal God,*

C **our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

✦THE EUCHARIST✦

P *The Lord be with you.*

C **And also with you.**

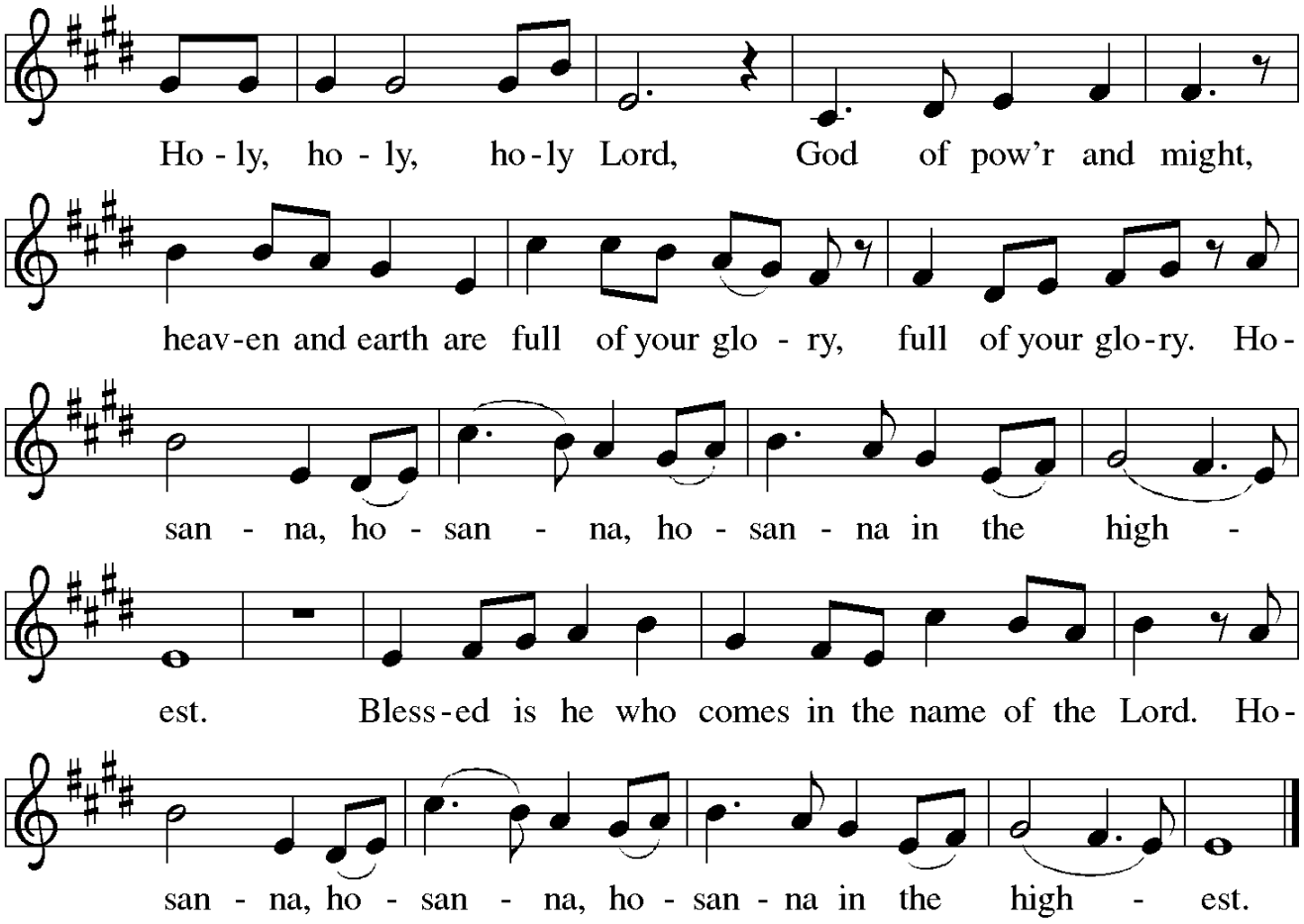
P *Lift up your hearts.*

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P *It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:*



P *Holy God, our Bread of life, our Table, and our Food, you created a world in which all might be satisfied by your abundance. You dined with Abraham and Sarah, promising them life, and fed your people Israel with manna from heaven. You sent your Son to eat with sinners and to become food for the world.*

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his life given for us and his rising from the grave, we await his coming again to share with us the everlasting feast. By your Spirit nurture and sustain us with this meal: strengthen us to serve all in hunger and want, and by this bread and cup make of us the body of your Son. Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

C **Amen.**

P *Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.*

C **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

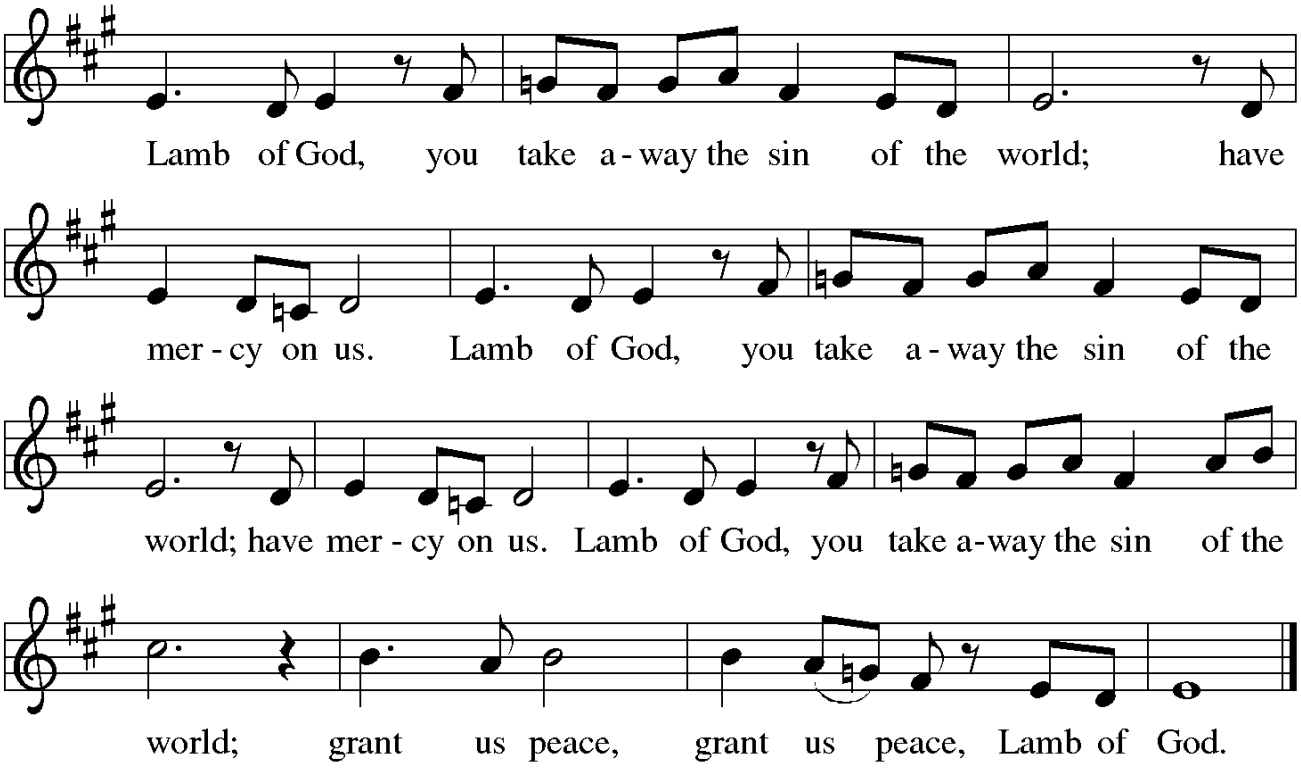
P *In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in. Come, receive what Christ has prepared.*

C **Thanks be to God!**

Please be seated.

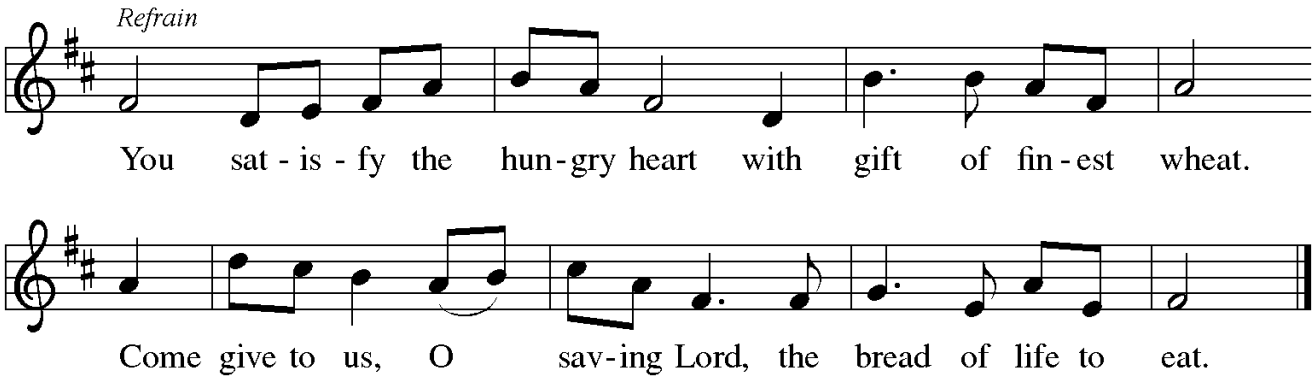
All are welcome at the Lord's Table! Whether you are a member of this church or a visitor, the Communion celebrated here is "open" to all who trust that our Lord Jesus Christ—his true Body and his true Blood—is present for All of God's People. (Note: should you prefer, we also offer gluten free wafers and white grape juice.)

During the distribution, the following is sung.



Communion Hymn *You Satisfied the Hungry Heart*

Refrain only after all have communed



After all have communed, please stand, as you are able.

P *The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.*

C **Amen.**

A *Let us pray. Holy God,*

C **we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal. You continuously seek the lost, bind the injured, and feed your people abundantly. Now send us out, awake to your presence, now and forever. Amen.**

✦ SENDING ✦

P *The holy Trinity, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God, today and always.*

C **Amen.**

Sending Hymn *Soon and Very Soon* No. 439





A *Go in peace. Encourage one another.*
C **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Pray for Those That Need God's Healing

Paul, Ann, Andrea, Al, Joan, Daisy, Betty,
Nancy, Jean, Michelle, Nick and Lois

The Altar Flowers are Given to the Glory of God

In loving memory of Donald R. Spratt on his birthday, November 16th,
by Evelyn, Robbie and Catherine.

VISION & MISSION TOWN HALLS

Join us as we have small group discussions about where LCGS is and dream of where we see our congregation going.



- Wednesday, Nov 18th, after 6:45p service
- Sunday, Nov 22nd, after 11a service

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SERVING TODAY	8:30 am	11:00 am
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